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SUBJECT: BULGARIANS REQUEST US SUPPORT FOR ITS UNESCO EXECUTIVE
BOARD CANDIDATE

PARIS PASS US DEL UNESCO

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1. ON NOVEMBER 21, DCM CALLED TO MFA BY ACTING CHIEF
EIGHTH DEPARTMENT (IN CHARGE US-BULGARIAN AFFAIRS) TO
RECEIVE ORAL REQUEST FOR USG SUPPORT OF DR. NIKOLAY TODOROV
FOR CHAIARMANSHIP OF UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD. OFFICIAL SAID
THAT OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SOUGHT CHAIARMANSHIP,
ONLY SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE NOT HELD CHAIR (APPARENTLY
AFRICANS HAVE NOT PUT UP CANDIDATE FOR POSITION). NOTED
THAT UNDER ROTATION SYSTEM IT IS NOW SOCIALISTS' TURN. AD-
DITIONALLY, TODOROV IS WELL KNOWN IN HIS FIELD AND WELL
QUALIFIED FOR POSITION. OFFICIAL CONCLUDED BY ASKING FOR
USG SUPPORT OF TODOROV CANDIDACY, REMINDED BULGARIA HAS ON

OCCASION SUPPORTED US POSITIONS IN UNESCO, AS EXAMPLE,
US PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP, AND ADDED
"WE MUST SEEK COMMON GROUND AND INTERESTS".

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2. DCM PROMISED

TO FORWARD GOB SPECIAL REQUEST FOR US
SUPPORT OF TODOROV'S CANDIDACY PROPTLY TO DEPARTMENT.
INFORMED THAT CONTENTS CIRCULAR NOTE ALREADY SENT WASH-
INGTON (SEE REFTEL). WITH REGARD COOPERATION IN UNESCO,
DCM SAID WE ARE ALWAYS PLEASED WHEN THERE IS COOPERATION
BUT POINTED OUT THAT SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAD VOTED AGAINST
US IN RECENT VOTE ON JERUSALEM ISSUE. BUT ADDED, OF COURSE,
BULGARIAN SUPPORT IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED.

3. OUR POSITION ON TODOROV'S CANDIDACY REMAINS SAME AS
THAT CITED PARA 2 REFTEL.

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